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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the final Office Action, mailed, March 3, 2003 rejecting Claims 1 and 2. Our check in the amount of \$320.00 is enclosed to cover the appeal fee required by 35 U.S.C.

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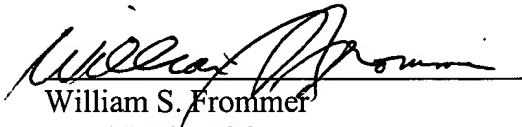
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§41(a)(6) and 37 C.F.R §1.17(e). Also, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a) Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of the period for response to the Official Action dated March 3, 2003, i.e., up to and including September 3, 2003. Payment of \$930.00 is enclosed, for a three-month extension of time.

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